



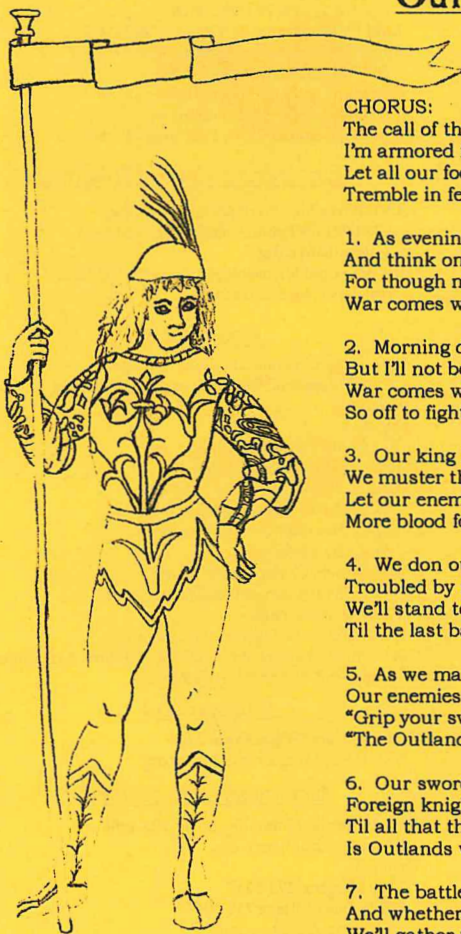
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OUTLANDS WAR SONG



- Lady Elaisse de Garrigues

CHORUS:

The call of the war drum pounds in my heart
I'm armored for battle, ready to start
Let all our foes, both far and near
Tremble in fear, the Outlands is here!

1. As evening sets in I hone my blade,
And think on how a hero is made,
For though my armor's old and worn,
War comes with the morn.

2. Morning dawns in soggy mist,
But I'll not be concerned by this;
War comes whether we will or no,
So off to fight I go.

3. Our king has called us to his side,
We muster there in fiercest pride,
Let our enemies come if they will,
More blood for us to spill

4. We don our helmets, grab our spears,
Troubled by no doubts or fears
We'll stand together, brave and true,
Til the last battle's through.

5. As we march into the fray,
Our enemies are heard to say,
"Grip your sword, and raise your shield;
"The Outlands is on the field!"

6. Our swords swing true, our axes strike
Foreign knights and kings alike,
Til all that the Stag can see
Is Outlands victory

7. The battle is over, the day is near done
And whether this day we've lost or won,
We'll gather together and be of good cheer,
For the Outlands is here!

Estrella War!!!! / feb 14/20

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 4 ARTS & SCIENCES (BARONIAL INSTALLATION) *Caer Galen* ❖
 14-20 ESTRELLA WAR *Atemveldt* ○

MARCH

- 4-5 CROWN TOURNAMENT *Citadel* ○
 10-12 BLACKWATER DEFENDER *Blackwater Keep*
 18 WINTER WOLF *Blaiddwyn* ○

APRIL

- 1 SWORDED AFFAIRE *Fontaine* ○
 8 KINGDOM A&S *Windkeep* ❖

MAY

- 25-29 GRAND OUTLANDISH XXXIII *al-Barran* ○

❖ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

FROM THE BARON AND BARONESS

Greetings to the populace,

Midwinter was an excellent close to a wonderful year, thank you to Ld Michael, THL A'isha, and everyone that helped make this such a great event. Special thanks to Rosalio and THL Diana for the beautiful, and most comfortable, new thrones. War practice was great fun and all the hard work is paying off, the al-Barran War Host is fighting better and better every time we take the field. The sting of the Scorpion will be felt on every field of battle this year and we look forward to hearing the tales.

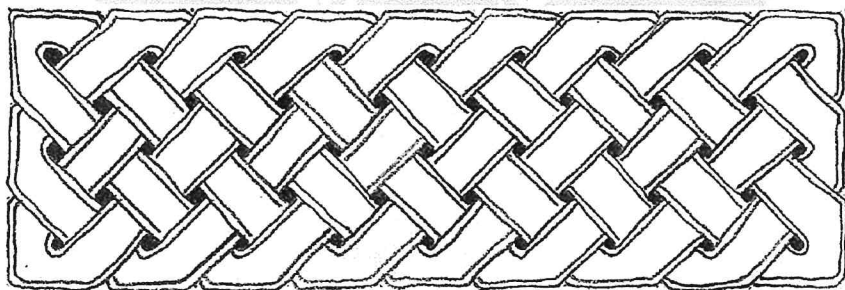
Caerthe and Citadel 12th Night events were excellent, and getting to fight with other parts of the army is always a pleasure. We are looking forward to the remaining practices in St. Golias and Dragonspine and seeing the results at Estrella. Our cousins in Caer Galen will be stepping down at their A&S event (2/4), Tana will be traveling to wish them well and to welcome our new cousins who will be camping next to us at Estrella.

Looking a bit forward to events after Estrella, we are now accepting bids for this years upcoming events ... All bids should include major coordinators, budget estimates (contact the Reeve for previous year's information), general theme or ideas for the event. Midwinter bids are due in March, Champions due in May, and Toys-4-Tots are due in August. If you have an idea for a new event make sure to get the information in at least six months prior to ensure time for discussion, approval, and full publication.

But enough of that, back to WAAAAAAR! We are anticipating a great time sharing the field, fire, and hearth with all of our populace and friends. Volunteer where you can, check your gear, help your friends, and travel safe.

Ryan

Tana



FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings,

Warrrrrrrrrrrr is upon us!!! If you need any help getting you or your stuff to war please contact me, and I will try to point you in the direction of someone that may be able to help. There are also many opportunities to volunteer to help the Barony with the war effort. This includes prior to, as well as during, Estrella. If everyone pitches in to help a little nobody gets overwhelmed. I want to remind you that if you do volunteer at the War please see our volunteer coordinator (Y, could you insert the correct name here?) so that we get credit for your effort.

As the War drums call us to the west, plans are under way for this year's Grand Outlandish. I would like to thank Mistress Rhianwen for stepping up as the autocrat for this event. She has a fine staff of coordinators in place, and plans are shaping up even now. We will be at the same site as last year. Look for information concerning dates, fees, and other items elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, check out the web site for answers to questions you may have. I would like to invite everyone to put Outlandish on your calendar, and encourage you to come have a great time. If you wish to volunteer to help with this event all the coordinators would be more than happy to have your assistance. Let anyone know if you are interested.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that due to Estrella we will not have our regular monthly citizen's meeting in February. We will resume in March at the same time and place as always.

Travel Safe,

Master James David de Argentias



FROM THE WEBMISTRESS

Greetings unto all,

Here are the website numbers for December.

Overall accesses	47,062	Homepage accesses	1,056
Overall visits	3,919	Homepage visits	550

Midwinter Accesses: 1509

The Outlandish site is now up and running. The biggest thing to look for is the new Pre-registration. Check it out at Grandoutlandish.org. I am still looking for a deputy. Please someone?

Lady Melody

FROM THE BARONIAL SCRIBE

Greetings from the Scriptorium al al-Barran. Before reporting on scribal activities this month, I need to correct a some mistakes >on my part. When I received last month copy of THE BARONIAL SHAFT, I noticed that I had inadvertently left Mistress Margherita's name off the listing of active baronial scribes. This talented baronial scribe completed several kingdom scrolls this past year, and started up the Wednesday night scribal workshops; she should have been on this list. If that wasn't enough, I also referred several times to the hostess for our scribal workkshops as Lady Alexandra, failing to give this Honorable Lady her due recognition as a Companion of the Flower. I apologize to all for these unintentional oversights.

There were no baronial events this month, however baronial scribes were active creating scrolls for other events such at Caerthan and Citadel 12th nights. Scrolls for these events were created by: Mistress Caelte, Mistress Sarah de Montgomerie, THL Ymanya, Lord Michael, and myself.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that Calligraphy and Illumination is one of the Arts and Sciences categories for a war point at Estrella this year. Several baronial scribes are working on projects for this competition. Please let me know who you are so I may include that information in my next report. I encourage all scribes to enter for the experience and all who go to war should take the time to view the display which will be a rare opportunity to view a great quantity of work of this caliber. Scribes who are interested in entering this competition can find more information on the Estrella War website.

In service to the barony and the scribal arts, I remain

Monika von Zell

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER

Greetings to the populace of al-Barran,

The Quartermaster's office has completed it's inventory of the great keep. The new list of items available for use will be on the Baronial web page under Quartermaster as of the first week of February. I would like to thank my deputy Lady Kira for helping me organize the keep clean out. I would like to thank the following Quartercrew for their hard work in inventorying and cleaning the keep, Lord Wego, Lord Bjorn, Snip, Wolfgang, Lord J.T., Lord Brun, Randolph the Viking, Roxanna.

Remember autocrats and coordinators to bring your membership card for checking inventory in and out of the keep. Please give me or Lady Kira a minimum of **2 weeks notice** prior to picking items from the keep, to ensure good service in a timely manner.

We are still looking to purchase a 5x8 trailer to help transport baronial items to and from events (mainly Grand Outlandish). If anyone has information to purchase one at a reasonable price please contact me at scotishtrollop@yahoo.com.

In Service to al-Barran,

Lady Natasha MacDuff Meckislaw

FROM THE ARTS AND SCIENCES MINISTER

Greetings all,

The website for the arts at WAR is up and running at <http://www.estrellawar.org/index.html>. The current class schedule is there and the period demonstration information is not up at the time of writing this report. There are still forms up if you wish to teach or do period demonstrations. Below are details on the competition categories again:

A. Armored Articulated Gauntlets—To be period and in a period medium consistent with time frame of design. Two gauntlets (a pair) must be entered and will be treated as a single item for judging purposes.

B. Metheglin—A single Metheglin (herb-based only) that is based within our time period. Entrant must provide documentation to the effect that the major flavoring ingredient(s) were considered herbal in nature during time period of recipe. Staff will provide tasting cups for judging. No Metheglin will be judged that does not include a full list of ingredients or is considered contaminated. Medicinal ingredients considered illegal, toxic, or available by prescription only should not be used (e.g., absinthe, foxglove (digitalis), etc.).

C. A Single Page with Illumination and Calligraphy—Examples: A scroll or single sheet from a book. Illumination and Calligraphy must within our time period. A single sheet from a book may have two different scenes. While the single page may be presented within the confines of a book only the single page indicated will be judged. Entrant must provide a stand or another form of display for safety of piece in uncertain environmental conditions.

January passed really quickly and I never got a chance to collect the last quarter's worth of projects so if you can remember what you did from October thru December I will be collecting them all this month. One last thing at Outlandish I will be stepping down as the Arts and Science Minister. If you are interested in the position send letters of intent to Their Excellencies Ryan and Tana, Master James David, and myself.

Coming up in Arts:

Regular activities:

Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
Singing with Lord Tancred Tuesdays 6:30 268-4994

Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694

Weaving Knowledge and exchange with Lady Monika the Fair

3rd Friday of the month 323-5569

Court Dancing contact Lady Jane Barber

Scorpions Scales contact Lady Melody

Events:

Feb 4th - Arts & Science - Caer Galen Meenakshi 303-404-3321

Feb 14th-20th - Estrella War XXII - Kingdom of Atenveldt

Apr 8th - Kingdom A&S - Windkeep Marguerite 307-214-8093

Thank-you

THL Aisha

FROM THE KNIGHT MARSHAL

Unto al-Barran I send greetings....

WAR is close at hand! Now is the time to prepare for our travels. If you haven't already done it, then now would be a great time to re-pad your helm, rebuild your thrusters, and make any final repairs to your armour. Also make sure your authorization cards are up to date. Also remember to prepare for all sorts of weather. If this is your first war, we can have burning sun, torrential rains, and freezing cold all in a single day! Good preparation will help lead to a successful, comfortable and above all a safe war.

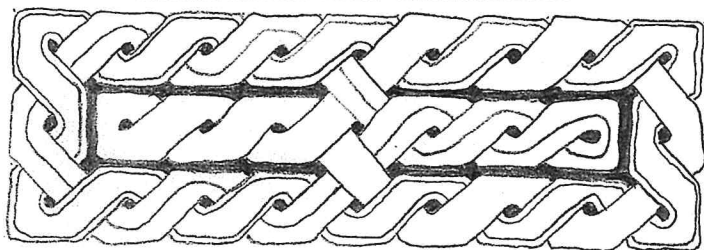
al-Barran has worked hard to sharpen and temper our skills in preparation. We have made very good progress in our ability to communicate and work together as a cohesive force. To quote one of the six principles upon which our host was realigned, "As a war host, al-Barran must always be advancing, ever moving forward. To that end we will aggressively and confidently advance upon our opponents no matter what their numbers. It is in this environment that we persevere, express our valor, and win the day!" Keep in mind communication is the key to this aggressive posture. Shield men, talk to your buddy on your left and right. Spear men work together; always try to work 2 on 1 against our foe-men. Glaive men, work to hook our foes shields and open them up for our spear men. Also be prepared to help "fill the gap" or break up a charge we are about to receive. I am sure we will be called upon to do one or two column charges during the conflict so don't forget the five commandments;

- Right hand shield men on the left of the column, Left hand shield men on the right!
- Don't stop to fight!
- Dump Block!
- Keep Moving!
- Fall out of the way!
- Don't stop to fight!
- and finally call "reform" and attack when you reach daylight!

I am proud to stand with my fellow al-Barranians as we march into battle in support of our Baron and our King! I will see you on Estrella's battle fields!

Chinua al-Naran

al-Barran Knight Marshal



FROM THE RAPIER MARSHALL

Greetings to all who come by these words,

This is the month for WAR! For all those good gentles who trained, prepared, served, fed, administered to, doctored, sewed, hauled, set up and took down, or were otherwise involved in the Estrella War effort on behalf of this Barony and our Kingdom, THANK YOU!

Upon your return from War, please perform a safety review of your weapons and armor - scrutinize all of your equipment for fatigue, damage, or potential failure. Re-stock your armor bag and/or first aid kit with those items depleted at War. Regale your friends who could not attend the event with your amusing anecdotes, tales of chivalry and feats of valor over a [insert your favorite drink here]. Remember to thank those that supported you in the War effort, and recognize that person (or those persons) that went above and beyond the call of duty to make your event great!

Keep your eye on the Baronial and Kingdom calendars for upcoming events-

In Service,

Elisabeau the Lighthearted

Baronial Rapier Marshal

FROM THE PREVIOUS KNIGHT MARSHALL

Seasons greetings to all,

As I write this I am knight marshal, as you read it The Honorable Lord Chinua al-Naran will be your new Knight Marshall. I ask that you all support the new Chinua as the position is a large task.

Last issue I promised to reveal the true secrets to real power in the SCA. One might be surprised that the answer is only one word. When we all engaged in our SCA daily life, enjoying our time with friends and our wonderful hobby, we often find our selves wondering when is court, or what is the next scenario, or what weapon's are allowed and what about combat archery in this next scenario? No doubt we look around to those nearby and ask. Those who know the secret will have the clear, unwavering, accurate, and timely answer. And once most of us have received this kind of answer more than once, we consider the good noble who provided it to be both knowledgeable and reliable. So where do these people learn this powerful information? Where can it be found in one convenient place? What do I need to do? You ask... Read. When you show up to an event, read the site book, after all "they" just hand you one when you sign in. If you are going to fight "they" put it up on the web, read the marshals handbook, you can easily download it at: www.sca.org/officers/marshal/combat/armored/index.html. When you decide to attend and fight at Estrella War, read the treaty, which you can download from: www.estrellawar.org/treaty.html. Read, and others will start to depend on you for the answers. Soon thereafter they will depend on you for more.

There will be those who will be disappointed that I let this secret out. My creative defense will be that I wrote it down and stuffed it into a local newsletter, and the only people who will ever read it already knew the secret to real power in the SCA.

One al-Barran for everyone,

Sir Bohemond le Sinistre, OL

Knight Marshall, relieved

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact: Master James David 830-6904.*

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am, at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Samuel 891-3821.*

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Blaidwynn Fighter Practice

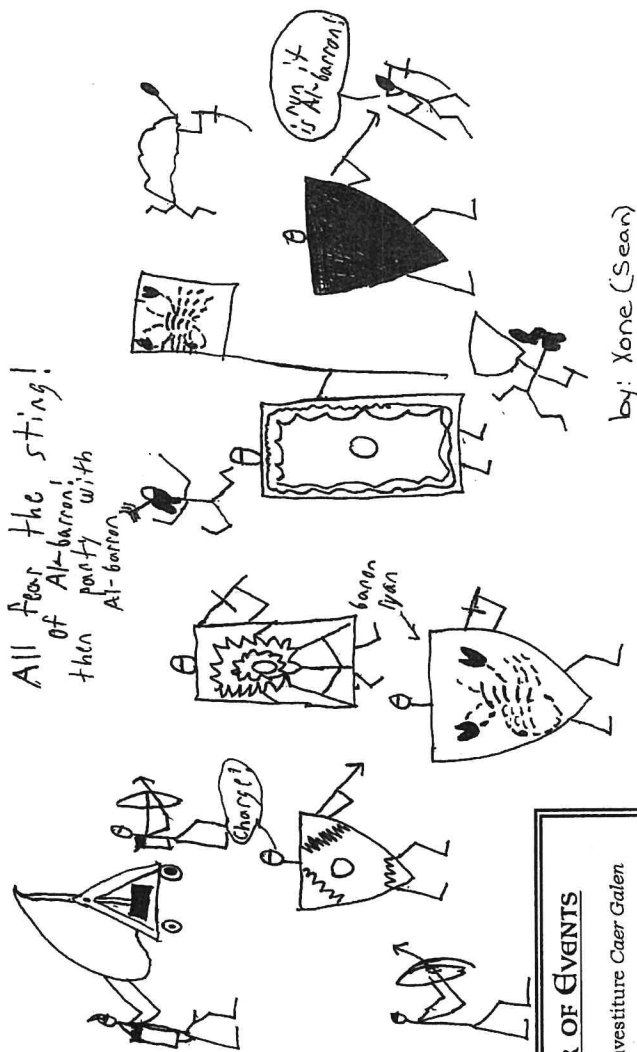
Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

Newcomers Household

Meetings will be at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact Elisheva at 872-2711 or dchssheva@aol.com*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions..*



FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 Arts & Science—Baronial Investiture Caer Galen
- 12 Full Moon
- 14-20 Estrella Warll Ateneveldt
- 14 Valentines Day
- 20 Presidents Day
- 24 Viking Raids Revel Caerthe

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-Fighter & Rapier Practice - Dance Practice	- Gammer Gurton's Needle	- Blaiddwyn Project	- Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice			- Archery - Westside Fighter Practices
11 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	12 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	13 - Newcomer's Household Meeting - Blaiddwyn Project	14 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	15	16 - Weaving Workshops	17 - Archery - Westside Fighter Practices
18 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	19 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	20 SHAFTHART - Blaiddwyn Project CLES - CITIZEN'S DUE MEETING	21 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	22 - A&S Exchange Workshop	23	24 - Archery
25 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	26 - Gammer Gurton's Needle	27 - Blaiddwyn Project	28 - Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice			
				<u>Regular Activities listings</u> Pages 13&16 have more regular activities information. The Minister of A&S' letter lists more A&S opportunities. Please contact Lady Barbara about Court Dancing practice.		

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Court Dance Practice

There will be court dance practices on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30pm at fighter practice park (Bataan Park) on 1/29, 2/5, 2/26, 3/19 and 3/26. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our dance practices. Please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join the free alBarranMusic_Dance discussion list at www.yahogroups.com for further information.

Scorpion Scales, music group

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: <http://home.comcast.net/~shiaomei/sscales.html> to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, at Lady Melody's house. Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the page 20. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.

al-Barran Youth, Parents, & Youth Activities Volunteers Team

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Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Odile Balestra odile.balestra@gmail.com for days, times and location.

FROM THE SCORPION PURSUIVANT

Greetings unto the populace of the Barony of al-Barran and all who come by these letters from THL Pendar the Bard, Scorpion Pursuivant.

The following items from members of the Barony of al-Barran were registered by the SCA College of Arms in September, 2005:

Murchadh Mac Diarmada. - Device. Per pale sable and Or, a cross formy throughout counterchanged.

Rab Wylkyn. - Name.

Síle inghean Duibh Darach. - Name. (Submitted as Síle Ó Daragh)

Ymanya Murray. - Badge. Sable, on an open scroll argent a stag's attire palewise gules.

Congratulations to each of you!

The following item was returned:

Katrine van Deventer. - Badge. Per chevron ployé purpure and argent, a mullet of eight points issuant from the point argent. This badge was originally returned at Kingdom. I asked Katrine to appeal it just so that Laurel could make a decision on whether a single charge issuing from the line of division is considered to be a charge or a complex line of division for conflict checking purposes. Laurel determined that when there is only one item then it is considered a charge, but when there is more than one item it is a complex line of division. My thanks to Katrine for allowing me to use her badge as an experiment.

The following awards were given by the Baron and Baroness of al-Barran at al-Barran Midwinter:

On Saturday, December 17, 2005:

Desert Fawn - Victor Blackwood

Russian Thistle - THLady Aigiarn Aljin and Lord Michael McQuillan

Antares Kano - Wulfhramn St. James and Brun Sminor

Scorpion - Lady Elisée de Calais (known as Lady Elisabeau)

Heart of the Scorpion - THLady Alexandra Taylor known as THLady Briesha and Baron Sebastian Taylor of Dragonstrod

During court at War Practice on Sunday, December 18, 2005, Their Excellencies of al-Barran gave out the following awards:

Hammer - Lord Samuel Leiesverd and Lord Alrik Boleslavsson

Congratulations to all!

Court at al-Barran Midwinter was conducted by the Baronial Bard, Lady Elanor Dreamweaver. Scrolls were read by my deputy herald in charge of court/ceremony issues, Lord Geoffrey FitzRobert, who also conducted court at War Practice on Sunday. My thanks to them both for filling in for me in my absence.

In Service,

THL Pendar the Bard

FROM THE BLAIDDWYN SENESCHAL

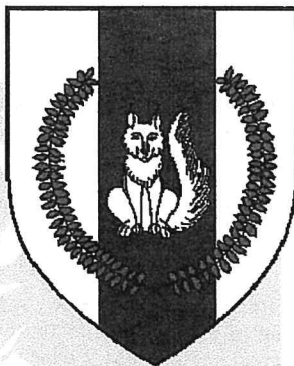
Greetings al-Barran,

I am Lord Rab Wylkyn and it is my pleasure, as the new Seneschal of the College of Blaiddwyn, to oversee this excellent College in our great barony of al-Barran.

This March the College of Blaiddwyn will have our annual winter event, Winter Wolf. March 18th is the last Saturday of winter when we will say good bye to winter and welcome spring with a day event to choose our champions. Lady Natasha is the Autocrat, please give her your assistance and also help us by making plans to attend this fine event.

Lord Rab Wylkyn

Seneschal
College of Blaiddwyn



FROM THE CHRONICLER

Greetings unto all,

Well everyone, this is our last issue before WAR!!! I tried to find a couple of articles that will hopefully help those of you who are new to war to make it through happier (if not necessarily dryer). Of course, His Excellency Ryan won't be setting up any canvas at War (or loading it prior to the drive down if I can help it) so we may get a dry Estrella... For those of you who didn't understand that just ask anyone about the Raining Baron of al-Barran and Estrella XXI. Remember to not camp in low places... (Just kidding Your Excellency.) I look forward to seeing as many of you there as can make it. Remember to let people know if you have space for passengers and/or their camping gear. The more of us that make it to Estrella, the less "target rich" the environment will be (ie. we won't be outnumbered quite as badly...)

I'd once again like to thank my family for the help putting together this newsletter. Without them, labeling, stamping, and sealing over a hundred copies of *the Shaft* would be an overwhelming, time consuming process. Thanks to Sean who provided a look at what we should be expecting at Estrella (see page 12) and to Lord Michael for peeling back the curtains to the inner workings of Mistress Cailte's creative processes. I think it may have been more than many of us really wanted to know...

Once again, I am going to be stepping down as Chronicler at Outlandish. Please submit letters of intent to myself, the Seneschal (Master James David), and Their Excellencies by the 31st of March. Experience with the Microsoft Office Suite (especially Publisher, Word, and Access) is going to prove very helpful. I won't leave you hanging, but my time to work with you may be limited by other duties. Remember, you don't have to come up with all the stuff that goes in here, you just have to be able to organize it all.

In Service,

Lord Of Port Lairge



How to make a laminated wood shield

by Gilmoure

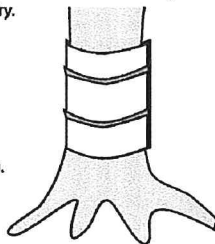


1. Cut two to three doorskins in half (approx. 30"x42"x1/8").



2. Put a smooth layer of glue between each piece. Place the bundle against a large tree trunk (3' dia.).

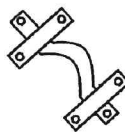
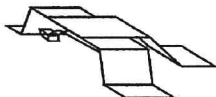
3. Use cargo straps or rope to bend the bundle around the trunk. Leave on tree for 2 or 3 days until dry.



4. Cut shield to shape. Glue canvas to outside of shield. Primer and sand until surface is smooth.



5. Use green door handle for grip. Mount it on two blocks for hand room. Make hand guard out of 3" wide steel or aluminum sheet. Bolt all pieces to shield using 1/4" carriage bolts.

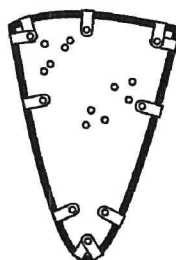


7. Trim 1/2" channel to fit shield. Cover channel and shield edge with heater hose or heavy leather. Use leather strips and bolts to hold edge pieces on shield. Place carriage bolts at least 1" in from edge so that the holes do not weaken the edge.



6. Use 2" leather belt to make forearm strap. Bolt to shield with 1/4" carriage bolts.

8. The finished shield.



MORE THAN JUST SURVIVING IN THE SCA

SCA hospitality being what it is, surviving an event is really not an issue. You will always be surrounded by friends and family who are not going to let you starve or make you sleep out in the rain. However, everyone will like you even more if you do not always show up around mealtimes and then crash in their tent. Providing for your own needs enables you to enjoy yourself more. Providing for your own needs means more than bringing your own tent and sleeping bag. It means packing a few extra things to keep you comfortable. Over the past couple of years, I have learned a few tips on how to keep myself comfortable so I can relax and enjoy the event. I have compiled a list of tips and necessities from many sources including The Knowne World Handbook, several different handouts, talking to a lot of people, and personal experience. Many of these things you can survive without, but I have found SCA living to be much more enjoyable with. I strongly recommend you create your own list that you can refer to before each event. If you discover some new tips for comfort, share them with others.

CAMPING:

1. **KEEP YOUR BODY CLEAN.** Bathe just before leaving for an event. You may not get to for a few days. If you have long hair, braid it. It will stay cleaner. Clip your fingernails. For extended camping, bring a solar shower.

TOILETRIES: Baby wipes, wash basin, wash cloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, brush / comb, deodorant, small mirror, toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner, Kleenex, feminine needs, lotion, solar shower, bathing tunic, towel.

2. **CONSIDER YOUR MEDICAL NEEDS.** Camping in the Outlands tends to entail a lot of sun and even more dust and cactus. Be prepared for reactions due to these factors.

MEDICINES AND FIRST AID: Sunscreen, tweezers, pain reliever, antihistamine, Pedialyte, baby powder, eye drops, bug repellent, white vinegar spray, Alka-Seltzer, band aids, antiseptic, saline nasal spray.

* Upon arrival, find out who the surgeons are and where they are located, just in case.

3. **KEEP WARM / COOL.** Expect all types of weather. Afternoon temperatures in the mountains can reach into the high eighties after a morning in the fifties. You must also be prepared for wind, rain, hail, sleet, and snow. Anticipate the temperature change in the evening. Put on warm clothes before you get cold. During the heat of the day, carry a small shoulder bag that can hold a bottle of water. Wear layers of clothes to insulate from heat and cold. Use natural fabrics.

CLOTHING: Thermals, socks (2 pair/day), underwear, hood, warm hat, gloves, sunshade hat, shoes (2 pair), trunk, wool tunic, pants / leggings, light tunics, belts, accessories (jewelry, scarves, make-up, etc.), cloak, poncho.

* On a hot day, make ice cream. In a 1 lb. coffee can, put 1 pint of half and half, ½ cup sugar, and 2 tsp. vanilla. Put the lid on the can and set it inside a 3 lb. coffee can. Fill the space between the two cans well with alternating layers of ice and rock salt until the small can is completely covered and the can is full. Put the lid on the big can (The little can and stuff are inside) and roll it back and forth for 15-20 minutes. Then, take the little can out, wipe off the lid, open it up, and Tah-Dahl, you have ice cream. We usually pour chocolate syrup on top and eat it right out of the can.

4. **SLEEP WELL.** Many people, including myself, like to stay up very late at camping events. So, it is important that the sleep you do get is good. If you get

tired in the afternoon, take a short nap. At night, a warm rock from around the campfire can be wrapped in a towel and put in the foot of your sleeping bag for extra warmth.

SLEEPING GEAR: Mattress, pillows, sleeping bag, extra blankets, flashlight, tent ground cloth, hammer, stakes, clock.

5. KEEP A CLEAN COMFORTABLE CAMP. Make your camp a place where you can relax and lounge around after a long day of fighting. Carpets out front can help to keep the dust and mud out of the tent. Burning incense helps to keep the bugs away.

CAMP GEAR: Carpet, pillows, chairs, broom, folding table, Japanese lanterns, torches & fuel, citronella candle, ashtrays, trash bags, folding shovel, mirror, candles & holders, tapestries & banners, shade pavilion, wind chimes, incense, fire pit, wood, axe, fire extinguisher.

6. EAT AND DRINK WELL. Avoid food poisoning by keeping foods cool. Have separate coolers for food and drink so that the one with the food can be kept closed more. Freeze water in small bottles and use as ice in coolers. Wash and rinse dishes really well. Store everything in Tupperware. Eat breakfast. Drink lots of water. Prepare as much as you can in advance and freeze it. (Have one cooler just for ice cream!)

KITCHEN STUFF: Stove, coffee pot, griddle, frying pan, big pot, medium pot, cutting board, knives, napkins, dish soap, wash basin, wash cloth, hot pads, wooden spoon, coolers, water jugs, paper towels, Ziploc bags, matches, turner, tongs, mixing bowl, plates, mugs, bowls, silverware, ladle, can opener, propane grill, grill for campfire, propane, spices, covers, tea kettle, bottle opener / cork screw, tin foil, dish towel, scouring pad.

7. HAVE FUN!

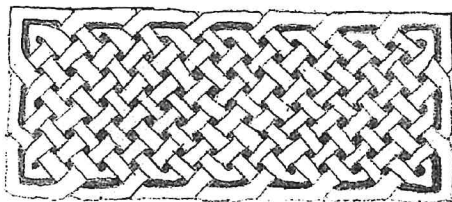
AMUSEMENTS: arms and armour, musical instruments, sketch pad, camera and film, games, embroidery, wares to sell, archery gear.

With all this stuff, not only will you be comfortable, you will be ready for just about any situation that may arise.

(I find some of this article funny now... I really do bring all this stuff when going to Outlandish!)

Fermina here, again. I wrote this article within the first couple of years I started playing SCA for a Newcomers' Collegium. Over the years, I have referred to it often when getting ready for a camping event. I have added a few things and eliminated a few as my needs have changed. I hope this may be helpful for some of you who have not done much camping.

Posted to the al-Barran list on January 26th, 2002.



NEW OUTLANDS ARTS AND SCIENCES DISCUSSION LIST

A new Arts and Sciences Discussion List has been created for the Outlands at www.groups.yahoo.com. This free A&S discussion list is Outlands-ArtsSciences and was created to enrich our realm in the Arts and Sciences and provide a forum for discussion about A&S ideas, promote the exchange of A&S resources and information and provide information about Outlands A&S Classes, A&S Competitions and A&S Events. To be a member of this new A&S discussion group, please go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/outlandsartssciences/>

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Jayne Barber

Outlands A&S Southern Deputy



SUMMER CAMPING CHECKLIST

Food and such

Ice	Ice chest	Coffee pot	Aluminum Foil
Charcoal	Starter fluid	Potholders	Lighter / matches
Food	Drinks	Camp stove	Brazier / hibachi
Dishes	Silverware	Seasonings	Cooking utensils
Teapot	Cleaning supplies		

Camping Accessories, etc.

Tent	Sunshade	Blankets	Sleeping bags
Mattress/foam pad	Sewing kit	Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Shovel	Rake	Dust pan	Chairs
Garbage bags	Hammer / mallet	Pillows	Period covers
Rugs	Medications	Spirits	Duct tape
Towels	Washcloths	Broom	Lanterns
Table	Rope	Sharp Utility Knife	Comb /
brush			
Butane / propane	Soap & shampoo	Candles / light sources	

Other Stuff

Clothing (Period & OOP)		Boots	Shoes
Armor	Armor repair kit	Money	Pet food
Pet	Leash	Sunscreen	Water
First aid kit	Phone card	Map to site	Membership card



"How Caitie gets her inspiration"

WINTER WOLF

At the College of Blaidwyn

Date: March 18th, 2006

Time: 9AM to close

Location: The University of New Mexico Main Campus

Autocrat: Lady Natasha Mechislov (Teri Henderson)

scotishtrollop@yahoo.com

Help us find our new champions.

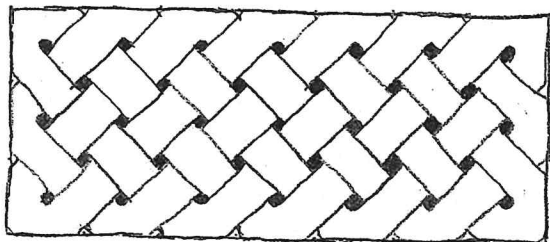
Site fees and other details will be in the next newsletter
and can be found on the College website at www.unm.edu/~sca

COURT DANCING

A very special thank you to Lord Rab for creating a wooden board base for our court dancing boombox carrying bag. Our Court Dance practices for the next couple of months are scheduled at Monte Vista Christian Church, 3501 Campus Blvd. for 1/29, 2/5, 2/26, 3/19 and 3/26 from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Please use the outside stairwell to the right of the main entrance of the church to get to the dance practice room downstairs. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at our court dance practices. If you want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Musicians and Court Dancers discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/ This free yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Jayne Barber



AL-BARRAN YOUTH TEAM

The al-Barran Youth Team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents. We are also working to develop an information website for al-Barran youth activities and information. If you have any ideas for the upcoming al-Barran Youth Website, please send your ideas to Lord Christopher Blackwood at ChrisGraham01@aol.com. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers for youth activities. To join this free discussion list, where we post important information concerning the youth and also team meeting information and projects, please go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/

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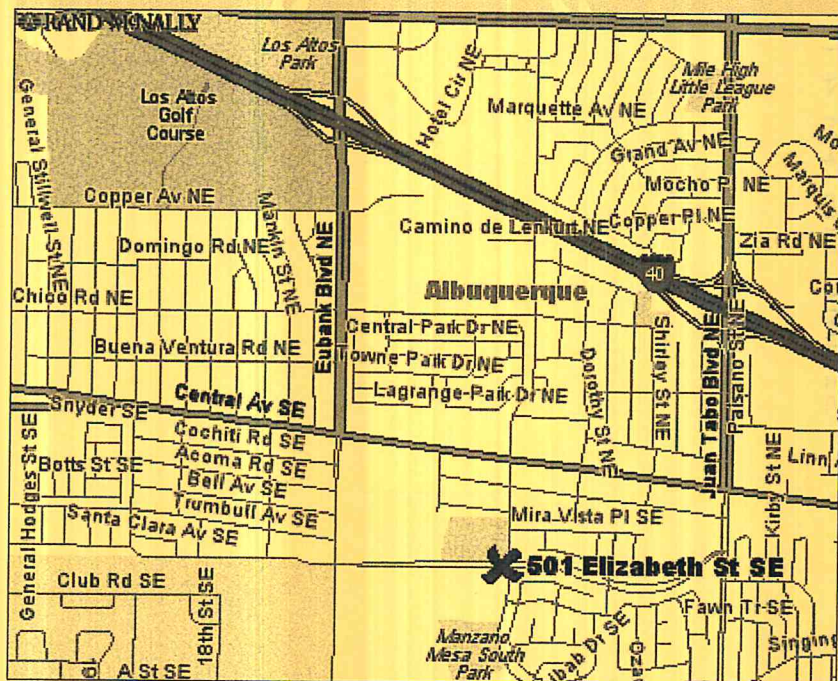
Youth Activities Information Contact Person

CITIZEN'S MEETING

The Citizen's Meeting location is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The next meeting will be on 18 October. The citizen's meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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